

Montreal's Parks . . .

• The City of Montreal and its residential suburbs are fortunate in the possession of a group of parks of exceptional beauty and interest. Their chief glory is Mount Royal Park, occupying the six-hundred foot summit and the sides of Mount Royal, and comprising within its boundaries some 475 acres of well-wooded areas, open expanses, winding roads and precipitous slopes, the whole forming a magnificent playground to be preserved in perpetuity for the citizenry of the metropolis.

• Jeanne-Mance Park, a spur of Mount Royal at city level, provides extensive recreation grounds for densely populated sections of the city.

• Of less spectacular extent and topographical character, but distinguished by its natural charms and its skilful landscaping, is Lafontaine Park, in the eastern part of the city . . . Here a lake with an illuminated fountain, a curving lagoon, a small zoo, a civic conservatory and several handsome monuments are among the attractions.

• Destined soon to be a close rival of these two splendid parks is St. Helen's Island, situated in the St. Lawrence in front of the city. . . The recent construction of the Jacques-Cartier Bridge has made possible the development of the island as a river park, and elaborate plans have been made. . . On the island are some interesting military works, partly French and partly British construction.

• The name St. Helen's was bestowed in honor of Hélène Boulay, girl wife of the Great Champlain . . . Other parks and squares dot the city, while Westmount, Outremont, Montreal West, Verdun and smaller suburbs all have their attractive and much-prized parks.

• The illustrations show (at top left) the Lookout on Mount Royal, with a vision range of fifty or more miles westward, southward and eastward, and (lower right) a bit of the lagoon in Lafontaine Park.

